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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Offshore Island Situation

Matsus

On 23 March Matsu observers sighted two vessels resembling LST's, two LSM's and one patrol craft sailing from Tinghai Bay to Huangchi. They were believed to be carrying supplies. This is the third time that Matsu observers have reported conventional landing craft in the area.

The Chinese Nationalists plan to send a Regimental Combat Team from the 57th Division on Formosa to the Matsus about 25 March, according to the military attaché in Taipei. The arrival of this unit would increase Nationalist troop strength in the Matsu area to as many as 16,500.

Wuchiu

On 22 March three Chinese Communist frogmen landed on Wuchiu Island, midway between the Matsus and Quemoy. They were sighted by Nationalist guards and withdrew by diving in the water and swimming away. MAAG now reports that a similar raid by the Communists was made against Wuchiu on 17 March.

Quemoys

Nothing significant to report.

Weather

Weather outlook for the next 48 hours is overcast with scattered rain. Visibility will be 8-15 miles. NE surface winds will be 25-40 knots, with high seas.

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